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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jean-Francois AUTECHAUD

Serial No.: 09/558,377

Filed: April 26, 2000

For: MODULAR INTERCONNECTION
ARCHITECTURE FOR AN EXPANDABLE
MULTIPROCESSOR MACHINE, USING A
MULTILEVEL BUS HIERARCHY AND
THE SAME BUILDING BLOCK FOR ALL
THE LEVELS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 16,
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Claim Listing beginning on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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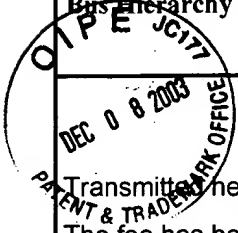
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Invention: **Modular Interconnection Architecture for an Expandable Multiprocessor Machine; Using a Multilevel Bus Hierarchy and the Same Building Block for All the Levels**



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